

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A surface treating appliance comprising:
a main body providing storage for collected debris and having a user-operable handle[,], and
a support roller assembly which is mounted to the main body and ~~having a rolling portion~~ is configured to rotate with respect to the main body to allow the appliance to be rolled along a surface by means of the handle, the ~~rolling portion of the support roller~~ support roller assembly housing at least one operational component of the appliance.
2. (Currently Amended) An appliance according to claim 1 wherein the component is mounted within the support roller assembly such that a rolling surface of the support roller assembly rotates around the component.
3. (Currently Amended) An appliance according to claim 2 further comprising a shell, mounted within the support roller assembly, for supporting the component, and wherein the rolling surface is arranged to rotate around the shell.
4. (Currently Amended) An appliance according to claim 1 wherein the component is mounted within the support roller assembly such that it rotates with the support roller assembly during rolling movement of the support roller assembly.
5. (Currently Amended) An appliance according to claim 1 wherein the support roller assembly comprises a fluid inlet for receiving fluid flow and a fluid outlet for exhausting fluid, and the component comprises a device for acting on fluid flow received through the inlet.
6. (Currently Amended) An appliance according to claim 5 wherein the fluid inlet is substantially coaxial with the axis of rotation of the support roller assembly.

7. (Currently Amended) An appliance according to claim 5 wherein the fluid inlet comprises an inlet duct that provides support between the main body and the support roller assembly.

8. (Currently Amended) An appliance according to claim 5, 6 or 7 wherein the fluid outlet is substantially coaxial with the axis of rotation of the support roller assembly.

9. (Currently Amended) An appliance according to claim 5, 6 or 7 wherein the fluid outlet comprises an outlet duct arranged to provide support between the main body and the support roller assembly.

10. (Currently Amended) An appliance according to claim 5, 6 or 7 wherein the fluid inlet and fluid outlet are positioned on the same side of the support roller assembly.

11. (Original) An appliance according to claim 10 wherein one of the fluid inlet or outlet surrounds the other of the fluid inlet or outlet.

12. (Currently Amended) An appliance according to claim 5, 6 or 7 wherein the fluid outlet comprises a plurality of apertures in the rolling surface of the support roller assembly.

13. (Previously Presented) An appliance according to claim 5, 6 or 7 wherein the main body comprises a separating apparatus for separating entrained matter from the fluid flow.

14. (Original) An appliance according to claim 13 wherein the fluid inlet receives fluid flow from the separating apparatus.

15. (Previously Presented) An appliance according to claim 5, 6 or 7 wherein the device for acting on the fluid flow comprises a filter.

16. (Currently Amended) An appliance according to claim 15 wherein the filter has a longitudinal axis and is located within the support roller assembly such that fluid passes radially through the filter.

17. (Previously Presented) An appliance according to claim 5, 6 or 7 wherein the device for acting on the fluid flow comprises separating apparatus for separating entrained matter from the fluid flow.

18. (Previously Presented) An appliance according to claim 5, 6 or 7 wherein the device for acting on the fluid flow comprises a suction-generating apparatus.

19. (Previously Presented) An appliance according to claim 18 wherein the suction-generating apparatus comprises an impeller and a motor for driving the impeller.

20. (Previously Presented) An appliance as claimed in claim 5, 6 or 7 wherein the component comprises a motor for driving a further component of the appliance.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously Presented) An appliance according to claim 20 wherein the further component is a surface agitating device.

23. (Original) An appliance according to claim 22 wherein the surface agitating device comprises a brush bar.

24. (Previously Presented) An appliance according to claim 20 wherein the further component is a surface polishing device.

25. (Currently Amended) An appliance according to claim 19 wherein the motor has a longitudinal axis that is inclined with respect to the longitudinal axis of the support roller assembly.

26. (Currently Amended) An appliance according to claim 19 wherein the motor is housed within the support roller assembly such that the centre of mass of the motor is aligned with the centre of the support roller assembly.

27. (Currently Amended) An appliance according to claim 19 wherein the support roller assembly comprises a plurality of rotatable members.

28. (Original) An appliance according to claim 27 wherein two rotatable members are spaced from each other.

29. (Original) An appliance according to claim 28 wherein a component of the appliance is located between the spaced members.

30. (Previously Presented) An appliance according to claim 28 wherein a fluid inlet or outlet is located between the spaced members.

31-32. (Canceled)

33. (Currently Amended) An appliance according to claim 2 wherein the support roller assembly comprises a fluid inlet for receiving fluid flow that is substantially coaxial with the axis of rotation of the support roller assembly and provides support between the main body and the support roller assembly and a fluid outlet for exhausting fluid that is substantially coaxial with the axis of rotation of the support roller assembly, and the component comprises a device for acting on fluid flow received through the inlet.

34. (Currently Amended) An appliance according to claim 3 wherein the support roller assembly comprises a fluid inlet for receiving fluid flow that is substantially coaxial with the axis of rotation of the support roller assembly and provides support between the main body and the support roller assembly and a fluid outlet for exhausting fluid that is substantially coaxial with the axis of rotation of the support roller assembly, and the component comprises a device for acting on fluid flow received through the inlet.

35. (Currently Amended) An appliance according to claim 1 wherein the support roller assembly further comprises an access hatch.

36. (New) The upright surface treating appliance of claim 1, further comprising:
a yoke mounted to the main body, the roller assembly being rotatably mounted within the yoke; and

a cleaner head pivotably attached to the main body via the yoke.